

Jacqueline Bixler Named Alumni Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech

Jacqueline Bixler, professor of Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, has been appointed an Alumni Distinguished Professor by the university's Board of Visitors. The rank of Alumni Distinguished Professor is reserved for select faculty who have made long-term and outstanding contributions to the instructional program of the university, thus influencing the lives of generations of alumni.

Bixler has been a faculty member at Virginia Tech since 1980. She has earned international respect for her scholarly work in Latin American theatre. She is particularly known for her work on Emilio Carballido, Mexico's leading playwright of the 20th century. Bixler's interest in Latin American theatre is not simply an academic interest pursued through publication. She organizes visits and events where scholars, playwrights, and sometimes students interact, and she has introduced the work of new playwrights, such as Sabina Berman of Mexico and Eduardo Rovner of Argentina, to North American scholars through her books, articles, and conference presentations.



Bixler received her Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of Kansas and her bachelor's degree from Ohio University. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Latin American Theatre Review* and has served as book review editor for several years. To the best of our knowledge she is the first distinguished professor of Latin American theatre in the field.

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